



November 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In March, our district transitioned to fully remote learning as a result of a temporary suspension of "in-person" learning due to COVID-19. The transition to a remote learning environment was a significant challenge for schools across the state, including our staff, students, and parents.

However, from a technology perspective, our school district was better prepared for this transition than most schools due to our "1-to-1" electronic device program and previous virtual learning experience. But, from an instructional perspective, our staff and students had no meaningful time to prepare for this quick change in learning environments. I'm very proud of the overall response exhibited by our students and our staff's ability to meet the challenge as we made the transition from "in-person" to remote learning without any previous experience.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, our district believes it is important for our students, staff, and parents to have an opportunity to experience and practice remote learning with a much more robust approach to learning. Our school district is scheduling two practice remote learning days for all students on Wednesday, November 11, and Wednesday, December 9. All students will engage in learning with their teachers from home on each of these days. Each building principal will communicate specific details regarding the remote learning process in their building.

Both of these days will be designed to look much different than the learning experience students had last spring. There will be much more instruction and time with teachers and a reliance on students to use online learning systems to help with their learning on each of these two days. I understand the potential hardship these two days may create for some families. However, with our state and region continuing to experience an upward trend in COVID-19 related cases, our students and staff need to have an opportunity to practice remote learning with all of our district's students.

I continue to be very grateful to our entire school family, including staff, students, and parents, for making "in-person" learning work well. Our school district is committed to providing our students with an opportunity for "in-person" learning for as long as it remains safe to do so. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in our schools and staff to provide a safe learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

David Eichberg, Superintendent